

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1-89. (Canceled)

90. (Previously presented) A diverse population of labels, comprising thirty or more unique labels, wherein each of said unique labels comprises a molecule, said molecule comprising a plurality of genedigits, each genedigit being of predetermined sequence, wherein at least two of said genedigits are each attached to a respective anti-genedigit, each said anti-genedigit being attached to at least one label monomer, and wherein said population is in solution.

91. (Previously presented) A diverse population of labels, comprising thirty or more unique labels, wherein each of said unique labels comprises a molecule, said molecule comprising (i) a plurality of genedigits, each genedigit being of predetermined sequence, wherein at least two of said genedigits are each attached to a respective anti-genedigit, each said anti-genedigit being attached to at least one label monomer, and (ii) a target-specific nucleotide sequence, said target-specific nucleotide sequence being noncovalently attached to an unlabeled target molecule.

92. (Previously presented) A diverse population of labels, comprising thirty or more unique labels, wherein each of said unique labels comprises a molecule, said molecule comprising a plurality of genedigits, each genedigit being of predetermined sequence, each said anti-genedigit being attached to at least one label monomer, wherein each said molecule and each said anti-genedigit is a nucleic acid and each said molecule is noncovalently attached to an unlabeled bridging nucleic acid.

93. (Previously presented) A diverse population of labels, comprising thirty or more unique labels, wherein each of said unique labels comprises a synthetic nucleic acid molecule, said synthetic nucleic acid molecule comprising (i) a plurality of genedigits, each genedigit being of predetermined sequence, wherein at least two of said genedigits are each attached to a respective anti-genedigit, each said anti-

genedigit being attached to at least one label monomer, and (ii) a target-specific nucleotide sequence.

94. (Currently amended) A diverse population of labels, comprising thirty or more unique labels, wherein each of said unique labels comprises a molecule, said molecule comprising a plurality of genedigits, each genedigit being a DNA of predetermined sequence, wherein at least two of said genedigits are each attached to a respective anti-genedigit, each said anti-genedigit being an RNA and being attached to at least one label monomer.

95. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 90, wherein the molecule further comprises a target-specific nucleotide sequence, said target-specific nucleotide sequence being noncovalently attached to an unlabeled target molecule.

96. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 90, wherein each said molecule and each said anti-genedigit is a nucleic acid and each said molecule is noncovalently attached to an unlabeled bridging nucleic acid.

97. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 90, wherein the molecule is a synthetic nucleic acid molecule which further comprises a target-specific nucleotide sequence.

98. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 90 wherein each genedigit is a DNA.

99. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 91, wherein each said molecule and each said anti-genedigit is a nucleic acid and each said molecule is noncovalently attached to an unlabeled bridging nucleic acid.

100. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 91, wherein the molecule is a synthetic nucleic acid molecule which further comprises a target-specific nucleotide sequence.

101. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim **Error! Reference source not found.** 91, wherein each genedigit is a DNA.
102. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim **Error! Reference source not found.** 92, wherein the molecule is a synthetic nucleic acid molecule which further comprises a target-specific nucleotide sequence.
103. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim **Error! Reference source not found.** 92, wherein each genedigit is a DNA.
104. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim **Error! Reference source not found.** 93, wherein each genedigit is a DNA.
105. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim **Error! Reference source not found.** 90, wherein each genedigit is a DNA.
106. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim **Error! Reference source not found.** 91, wherein each said molecule and each said anti-genedigit is a nucleic acid and each said molecule is noncovalently attached to an unlabeled bridging nucleic acid.
107. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim **Error! Reference source not found.** 91, wherein the molecule is a synthetic nucleic acid molecule which further comprises a target-specific nucleotide sequence.
108. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim **Error! Reference source not found.** 91, wherein each genedigit is a DNA.
109. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim **Error! Reference source not found.** 90, wherein said molecule is a nucleic acid which further comprises a target-specific nucleotide sequence.
110. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim **Error! Reference source not found.** 91, wherein said molecule is a nucleic acid.

111. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 92, wherein the molecule is a nucleic acid molecule which further comprises a target-specific nucleotide sequence.

112. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 94, wherein the molecule is a nucleic acid molecule which further comprises a target-specific nucleotide sequence.

113. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 92, wherein the molecule is noncovalently attached to a target molecule.

114. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 96, wherein the molecule is noncovalently attached to a target molecule.

115. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 99, wherein the molecule is noncovalently attached to a target molecule.

116. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 102, wherein the molecule is noncovalently attached to a target molecule.

117. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 103, wherein the molecule is noncovalently attached to a target molecule.

118. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 106, wherein the molecule is noncovalently attached to a target molecule.

119. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 111, wherein the molecule is noncovalently attached to a target molecule.

120. (Currently amended) The diverse population of any one of claims ~~Error! Reference source not found. Error! Reference source not found. 113-119~~, wherein the molecule and the target molecule is each a DNA molecule and wherein said noncovalent attachment is via hybridization.

121. (Currently amended) The diverse population of any one of claims ~~Error! Reference source not found. Error! Reference source not found. 113-119~~, wherein the target molecule is unlabeled.

122. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found. 120~~, wherein the target molecule is unlabeled.

123. (Currently amended) The diverse population of any one of claims ~~claim Error! Reference source not found. Error! Reference source not found. 90-119~~, wherein each said genedigit and each said antigenedigit is DNA, and wherein said genedigit and said antigenedigit are attached to one another noncovalently via hybridization.

124. (Currently amended) The diverse population of any one of claims ~~Error! Reference source not found. Error! Reference source not found. 90-119~~, wherein each of at least two of said genedigits comprises a repeated core element.

125. (Currently amended) The diverse population of any one of claims ~~Error! Reference source not found. Error! Reference source not found. 90-119~~, wherein at least two of said genedigits have different sequences.

126. (Currently amended) The diverse population of any one of claims ~~Error! Reference source not found. Error! Reference source not found. 90-119~~, wherein said plurality of said genedigits is at least four genedigits, said at least four genedigits being each attached to a respective anti-genedigit.

127. (Currently amended) The diverse population of any one of claims ~~Error! Reference source not found. Error! Reference source not found. 90-119~~, wherein said plurality of said genedigits is at least five genedigits, said at least five genedigits being each attached to a respective anti-genedigit.

128. (Currently amended) The diverse population of any one of claims ~~Error! Reference source not found. Error! Reference source not found.~~ 90-119, wherein at least one label monomer is light-emitting.

129. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 128, wherein said label monomer is fluorescent.

130. (Currently amended) The diverse population of any one of claims ~~claim Error! Reference source not found. Error! Reference source not found.~~ 90-119, wherein each of said unique labels comprises a mixture of two or more different label monomers.

131. (Currently amended) The diverse population of any one of claims ~~claim Error! Reference source not found., Error! Reference source not found., Error! Reference source not found., Error! Reference source not found., Error! Reference source not found., Error! Reference source not found., Error! Reference source not found., Error! Reference source not found., or Error! Reference source not found.~~ 91, 93, 95, 97, 100, 102, 107, 109, 111, or 112, wherein the target-specific nucleotide sequence in each unique label is different.

132. (Currently amended) The diverse population of any one of claims ~~Error! Reference source not found. Error! Reference source not found.~~ 90-119, wherein at least one label monomer is a quantum dot.

133. (Currently amended) The diverse population of any one of claims ~~Error! Reference source not found. Error! Reference source not found.~~ 90-119, wherein at least one anti-genedigit is a dendrimer.

134. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 133, wherein the dendrimer is a fork-like dendrimer.

135. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 133, wherein the dendrimer is a comb-like dendrimer.

136. (Currently amended) The diverse population of any one of claims ~~Error! Reference source not found. Error! Reference source not found.~~ 90-119, wherein

each said anti-genedigit is covalently attached to each said at least one label monomer.

137. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 136, wherein each said at least one label monomer is fluorescent.

138. (Currently amended) The diverse population of any one of claims ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ and ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 91, 95 and 113-119, wherein each said target molecule is attached to a chip, microarray or bead.

139. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 120, wherein each said target molecule is attached to a chip, microarray or bead.

140. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 120, wherein each said target molecule is attached to a chip, microarray or bead.

141. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 122, wherein each said target molecule is attached to a chip, microarray or bead.

142. (Currently amended) The diverse population of any one of claims ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 90-119, comprising 40 or more unique labels.

143. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 142, comprising 100 or more unique labels.

144. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 143, comprising 150 or more unique labels.

145. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 144, comprising 200 or more unique labels.

146. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim **Error! Reference source not found.** 145, comprising 500 or more unique labels.

147. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim **Error! Reference source not found.** 146, comprising 1,000 or more unique labels.

148. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim **Error! Reference source not found.** 147, comprising 2,000 or more unique labels.

149. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim **Error! Reference source not found.** 148, comprising 5,000 or more unique labels.

150. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim **Error! Reference source not found.** 149, comprising 1×10^4 or more unique labels.

151. (Previously presented) A diverse population of labels, comprising thirty or more unique labels, wherein each of said unique labels comprises a molecule, said molecule comprising a plurality of genedigits, each genedigit being of predetermined sequence, wherein at least two of said genedigits are each attached to a respective anti-genedigit, each said anti-genedigit being attached to at least one label monomer, and wherein said label monomer is a quantum dot.

152. (Previously presented) A diverse population of labels, comprising 100 or more unique labels, wherein each of said unique labels comprises a nucleic acid molecule, said nucleic acid molecule comprising (i) at least four genedigits, each genedigit being of predetermined sequence, wherein said at least four genedigits are each noncovalently hybridized to a respective anti-genedigit, each said anti-genedigit being attached to at least one label monomer; and (ii) a target-specific nucleotide sequence, said target-specific nucleotide sequence being noncovalently hybridized to an unlabeled target molecule.

153. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim **Error! Reference source not found.** 152, wherein each said anti-genedigit is covalently attached to each said at least one label monomer.

154. (Currently amended) The diverse population of claim **Error! Reference source not found.** 154, wherein said at least one label monomer is fluorescent.

155. . (Currently amended) The diverse population of any one of claims ~~Error!~~
~~Reference source not found. Error! Reference source not found.~~ 152-154,
wherein each said nucleic acid molecule is noncovalently attached via hybridization
to an unlabeled bridging nucleic acid.

156. (Currently amended) The diverse population of one of claims ~~Error!~~
~~Reference source not found. Error! Reference source not found.~~ 152-154,
wherein each said unlabeled target molecule is attached to a chip, microarray or bead.

157. (Previously presented) A labeling kit, said kit comprising (i) in a first
container, thirty or more unique molecules, each said molecule comprising a plurality
of genedigits, each genedigit being of predetermined sequence, and (ii) in one or more
other containers, a plurality of respective anti-genedigits, each said anti-genedigit
being attached to at least one label monomer.

158. (Currently amended) The labeling kit of claim ~~Error! Reference source not
found.~~ 157, wherein each of at least two of said genedigits comprises a repeated core
element.

159. (Currently amended) The labeling kit of claim ~~Error! Reference source not
found.~~ 157, wherein at least one label monomer is light-emitting.

160. (Currently amended) The labeling kit of claim ~~Error! Reference source not
found.~~ 159, wherein said label monomer is fluorescent.

161. (Currently amended) The labeling kit of claim ~~Error! Reference source not
found.~~ 157, wherein at least one label monomer is a quantum dot.

162. (Currently amended) The labeling kit of claim ~~Error! Reference source not
found.~~ 157, wherein at least one anti-genedigit is a dendrimer.

163. (Currently amended) The labeling kit of claim ~~Error! Reference source not
found.~~ 162, wherein the dendrimer is a fork-like dendrimer.

164. (Currently amended) The labeling kit of claim ~~Error! Reference source not
found.~~ 162, wherein the dendrimer is a comb-like dendrimer.

165. (Currently amended) The labeling kit of any one of claims ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 157-162, wherein each molecule and each anti-genedigit is a nucleic acid.
166. (Currently amended) The labeling kit of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 165, wherein each molecule and each anti-genedigit is a DNA.
167. (Currently amended) The labeling kit of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 165, wherein each molecule further comprises a target-specific nucleotide sequence.
168. (Currently amended) The labeling kit of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 165, wherein each molecule is noncovalently attached to an unlabeled bridging nucleic acid.
169. (Currently amended) The labeling kit of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 157, comprising 40 or more unique molecules.
170. (Currently amended) The labeling kit of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 169, comprising 100 or more unique molecules.
171. (Currently amended) The labeling kit of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 170, comprising 150 or more unique molecules.
172. (Currently amended) The labeling kit of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 171, comprising 200 or more unique molecules.
173. (Currently amended) The labeling kit of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 172, comprising 500 or more unique molecules.
174. (Currently amended) The labeling kit of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 173, comprising 1,000 or more unique molecules.
175. (Currently amended) The labeling kit of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 174, comprising 2,000 or more unique molecules.
176. (Currently amended) The labeling kit of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 175, comprising 5,000 or more unique molecules.

177. (Currently amended) The labeling kit of claim ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 176, comprising 1×10^4 or more unique molecules.

178. (Currently amended) The diverse population of any one of claims ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~, ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~, and ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ ~~Error! Reference source not found.~~ 91-94, 113, and 115-119, wherein the labels are spread on a two-dimensional surface.